

**WELCOME TO**

**VIETNAM**

CFVG HCMC Campus

91, Ba Thang Hai, District 10, HCMC, Vietnam



“ Ho Chi Minh is a glorious city with a wealth of culture, architecture, fashion, the arts and gourmet food, all presented with the flamboyance that only Vietnamese can offer. From the beauty of Notre Dame to the extraordinary street food, our broad avenues are packed with history, museums, shops, restaurants, cafes and bars to enhance your discovery of this great city.

We have put together this handy little guide as a local's perspective, collecting some of our own favourites and recommendations from visitors past.

We have no doubt that you - like us - will love the fast pace of Ho Chi Minh City.

Whether you are visiting us at our CFVG Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi Campus, we are happy to assist with your stay, so please do not hesitate in reaching out to us, should you need any further assistance not covered in this guide.

Welcome to Vietnam!

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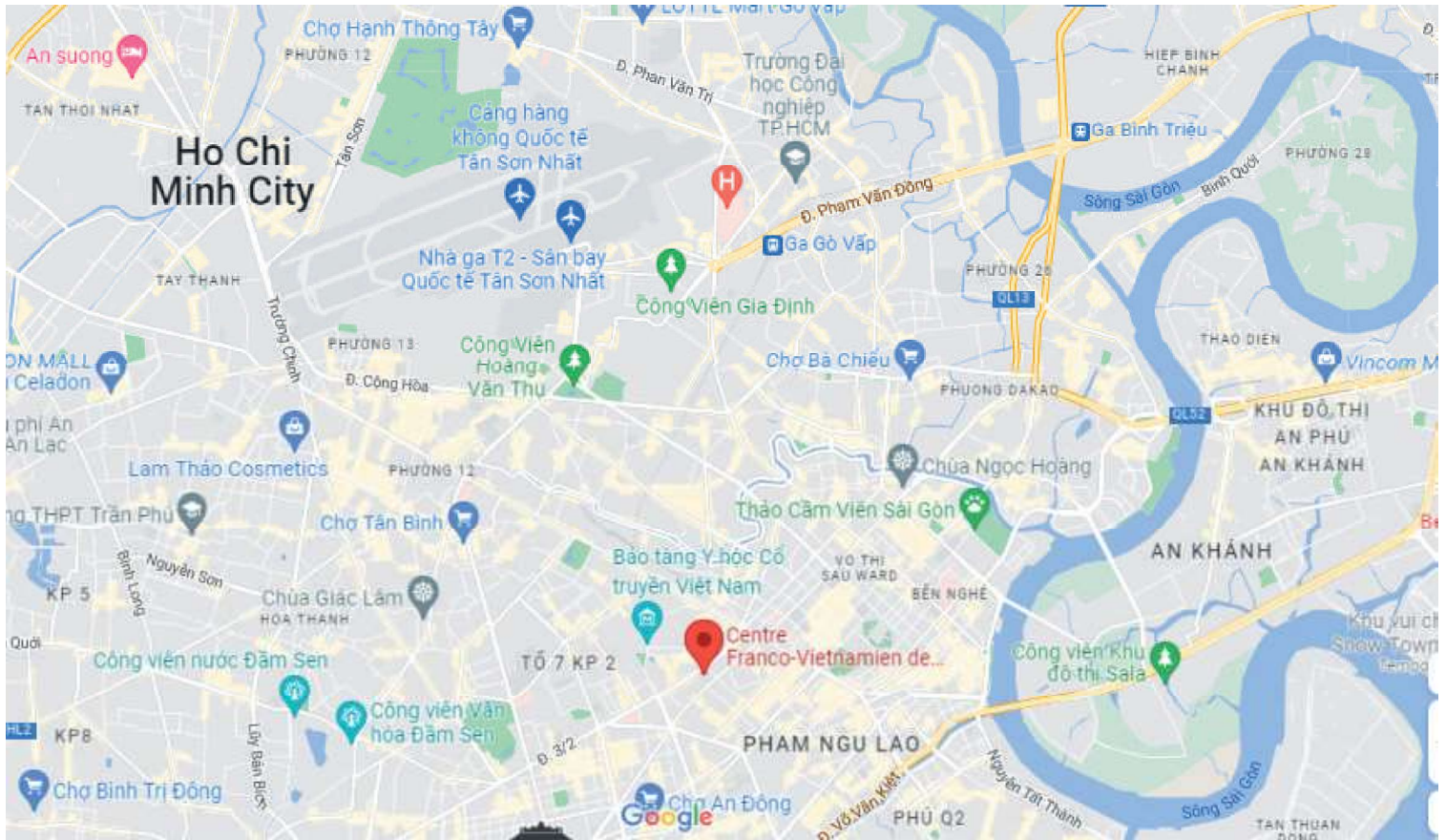




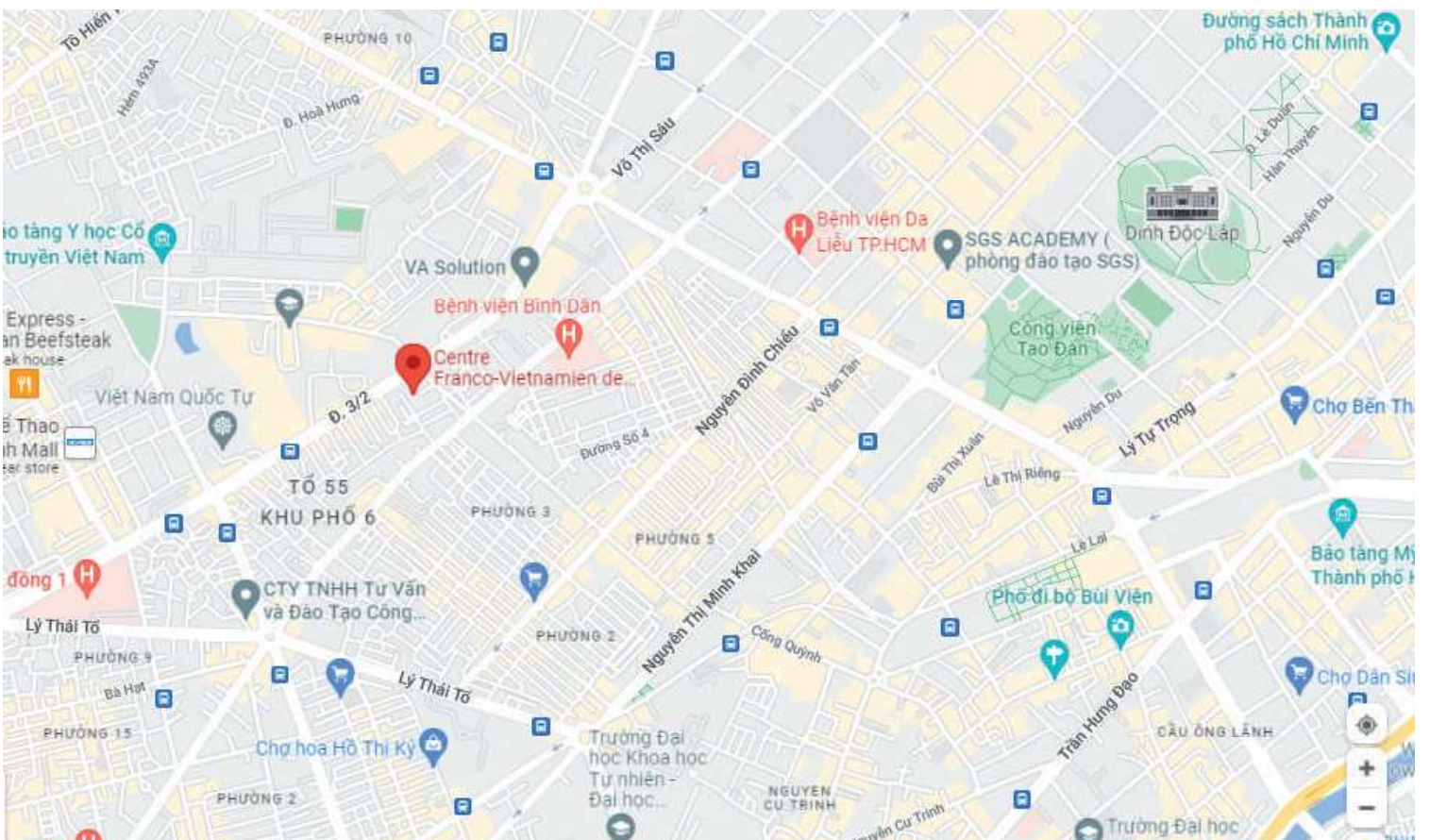
**HOW TO GET TO**

**CFVG HCMC CAMPUS?**

CFVG HCMC Campus - 91, Ba Tháng Hai, District 10, HCMC, Vietnam



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# Travel distance

CFVG HCMC Campus address:  
**91 Ba Thang Hai, District 10, HCMC**

20-30 minutes from District 1 center (before 5:00 PM otherwise... 30-45 min)

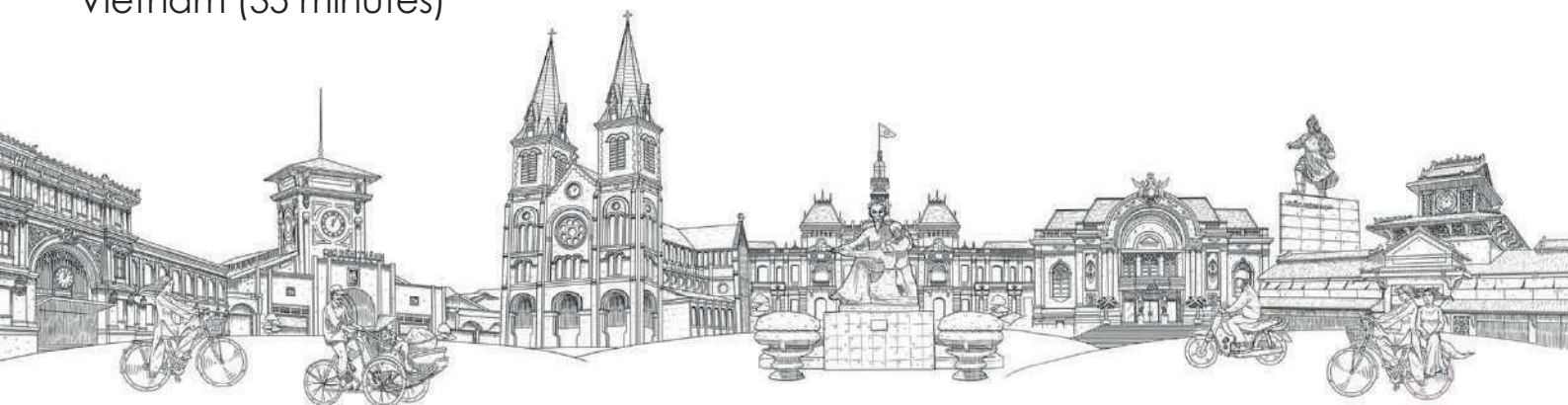
25-45 minutes from the airport (depends on traffic)

# Nicest closest hotels

- P - Hotel **Pullman Saigon Centre**, 148 Tran Hung Dao Boulevard, (West) District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (15 minutes)
- M - **MGallery Saigon**, 76-78 Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, phường 6, District 3, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam (20 minutes)
- N - **Novotel Saigon Centre Hotel**, 167 Hai Bà Trưng, 6, District 3, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam (20 minutes)

# Usual hotels professors go to

- R - **Rex Hotel**, 141 Nguyễn Huệ, Bến Nghé, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam (35 minutes)
- M - **May Hotel**, 4 Thi Sách, Bến Nghé, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (35 minutes)
- G - **Grand Hotel Saigon**, 8 Đồng Khởi, Bến Nghé, District 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam (35 minutes)
- H - **Huong Sen Hotel**, 68 Đồng Khởi, Bến Nghé, District 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam (35 minutes)





# Saigon

# Where to **STAY**

If you're a first-time visitor to Ho Chi Minh City, it's important to know where to stay and which hotel that best suits your budget and preference.

Hailed as Vietnam's biggest city and business capital, Ho Chi Minh City features plenty of things to see and do, from fascinating historical landmarks and beautiful pagodas to hip bars and sprawling shopping malls. See our list of the most popular Saigon hotels to find one that best suits your style and travel dates.

<b>Pullman</b>	5-star hotel	148 Tran Hung Dao Street, District 1, HCMC Tel: 028 3838 8686 Website: <a href="http://www.pullman-saigon-centre.com/">http://www.pullman-saigon-centre.com/</a>
<b>Rex Hotel</b>	5-star hotel	141 Nguyen Hue, Ben Nghe, District 1, HCMC Tel: 028 3829 2185 Website: <a href="http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/">http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/</a>
<b>Liberty Central City Point</b>	4-star hotel	59 Pasteur Street, District 1, HCMC Tel: 028 3822 5678 Website: <a href="http://odysseahotels.com/saigon-city-point-hotel">http://odysseahotels.com/saigon-city-point-hotel</a>
<b>Liberty Central Riverside</b>	4-star hotel	17 Ton Duc Thang Street, District 1, HCMC Tel: 028 3827 1717 Website: <a href="http://odysseahotels.com/riverside-hotel">http://odysseahotels.com/riverside-hotel</a>
<b>Ibis Saigon South</b>	4-star hotel	73 Hoang Van Thai Street, Phu My Hung, Tan Phu Ward, District 7, HCMC Tel: 028 5410 1111 Website: <a href="http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-7177-ibis-saigon-south/index.shtml">http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-7177-ibis-saigon-south/index.shtml</a>
<b>Grand Silverland Hotel &amp; Spa</b>	4-star hotel	125 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1, HCMC Tel: 028 3829 3888 Website: <a href="https://www.silverlandhotels.com/grand-silverland-hotel-spa.html">https://www.silverlandhotels.com/grand-silverland-hotel-spa.html</a>



# What to **EAT** in Saigon





# What to EAT

Vietnamese food is known to be both healthy and robust in flavour, thanks to its generous combination of fresh herbs and greens, paired with rice, noodles, seafood, pork and beef. Simple and uncomplicated food, these Vietnamese food will beckon your tastebuds and sneak their way into your heart.

## Bùi Restaurant

Authentic Vietnamese cuisine at reasonable prices with three restaurants across the city.

Address - 17A Ngo Van Nam, D.1

## Lemongrass restaurant

Launched in 1996, located on the quiet street Nguyen Thiep, District 1, Lemongrass has a strong attraction for domestic and foreign customers who appreciate the "French" and "quality" of Vietnam cuisine.

Address - 4 Nguyen Thiep St., Dist. 1,

## Bếp Nhà Lục Tỉnh

Located in the heart of Saigon, Bep Nha Luc Tinh is an authentic Vietnamese restaurant that will take you onto an adventure of discovering the culture of Vietnam, through the many delicious dishes from all over the country and the cozy, home-like yet sophisticated atmosphere.

Address - 37 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, District 1, HCMC

## Vietnam House

Another masterpiece of celebrity chef Luke Nguyen, Vietnam House sits at the heart of District 1 and offers finest contemporary Vietnamese cuisine across the country.

Address - 93-95-97 Dong Khoi, District 1

## SH Garden

For over ten years, SH Garden has brought the treasure of homemade Vietnamese cuisines and also the culture of a common Vietnam inherited over many generations in various regions to Vietnamese, oversea Vietnamese, and lots of foreigners.

Address - Rooftop 98 Nguyen Hue, District 1

## Cục Gạch restaurant

Cục Gạch Quán is housed inside a renovated colonial villa and boasts antique wooden furniture and rustic décor, cocooned in lush greenery. Sample a wide variety of organic Vietnamese 'countryside' cuisine, lovingly crafted using fertiliser-free rice and preservative-free meats and vegetables.

Address - 10 Dang Tat, Tan Dinh, D1



### Quán ăn Ngon

A well known and established restaurant that caters Vietnamese specialties from across the country.

Address - 160 Pasteur, Ben Nghe ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

### Propaganda

Propaganda, perhaps the first Vietnamese bistro in the world, is renowned for great wine and Vietnamese food pairing

Address - 21 Han Thuyen, District 1

### Secret Garden Restaurant

Secret Garden home-cooked vietnamese restaurant is located on the rooftop of old building serving vietnamese authentic foods.

Address - 158 Pasteur, D1

### Mountain Retreat

Located on Le Loi, Mountain Retreat offers what it says on the tin, "a retreat in the mountains"

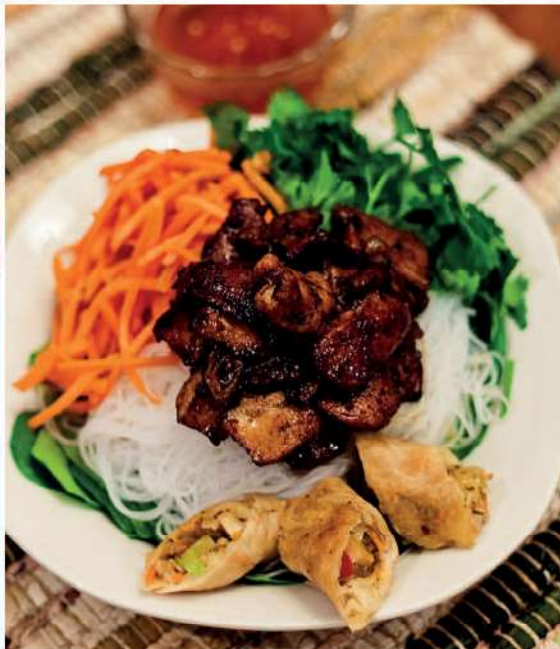
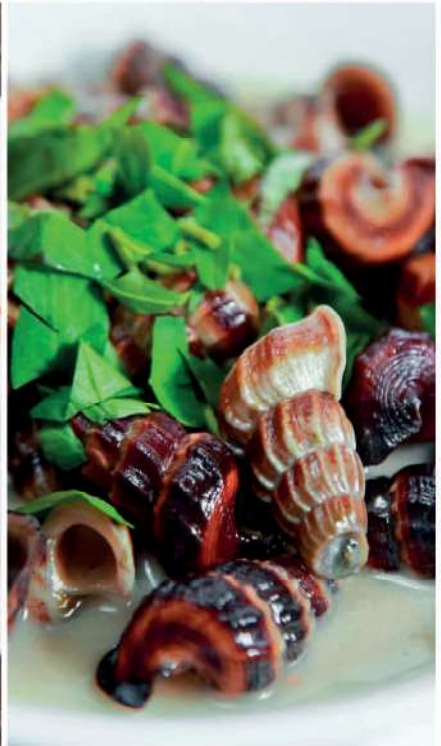
Address - 36 Le Loi street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1 | Rooftop Alley

### Hum Vegetarian restaurant

At Hum, we serve only the freshest ingredients for a culinary experience that is not only delicious and fulfilling, but also nourishes the soul with peace, healthfulness, and grace.

Address - 32 Vo Van Tan, Ward 6, District 3,





**Chill Sky Bar**

The original open-air rooftop club and bar in Ho Chi Minh City, Chill Skybar is a Saigon staple, attracting crowds of stylish socialites  
Address: AB Tower, 26th floor, 76A Lê Lai, District 1

**Envy Club**

With a state of the art design, coupled with revolutionary performances, Envy is the desire of others to acquire its luxury, class and style.

Address: 74 – 76 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia St., Dist. 1

**East West Brewing Co.**

With the doors close behind you, shutting off the din of downtown District 1 and Ly Tu Trong street, your ears will be greeted with the cavernous acoustics of something like to a museum.

Address: 181 - 185 Ly Tu Trong, District 1

**Lush Bar**

Lush Saigon plays the hottest electronic music in Ho Chi Minh City, where stylish graphics harmonise with comfortable lounge seating.

Address: 2 Ly Tu Trong, District 1

**Broma: Not a Bar**

It provides a comfortable lounge atmosphere and is especially renowned for its beautiful rooftop views and it's music themed parties

Address: 41 Nguyen Hue st., District 1

**Air 360 Sky**

Air 360 centers around a multi-level, lounge-like space with plenty of seating and a 360 degree view of the city.

Address: Rooftop 22nd – 23rd , Ben Thanh Tower, 136-138 Le Thi Hong Gam, District 1

# What to DRINK in Saigon

**XU Bar & Lounge**

One of the few places in Ho Chi Minh City which has a cool, contemporary design, an intelligent set lunch menu and a laid back atmosphere.

Address: 58 Huỳnh Thúc Kháng st., Bến Nghé ward, District 1

**SOHY Bar & Restaurant**

SOHY Bar & Restaurant, perched high above Vietnam's glistening city on the 25th floor of the Centec Tower, has raised the bar for both the quality of service & the food and drinks.

Address: 25th-27th floor, Centec Tower Rooftop; 72-74 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai

**Social Club Rooftop Bar**

Sitting up above the rooftop of the Hôtel des Arts Saigon, Social Club Rooftop Bar is the ideal place to overlook the glittering skyline from above Saigon.

Address: 76 - 78 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, District 3



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# Where to GO

## Notre Dame Cathedral

This twin towered cathedral is one of the most prominent architectural marvels in the city. It was built in 1877 with materi-

## Independence Palace

This grand building was designed by Ngo Viet Thu for South Vietnam's former President, Ngo Dinh Diem during the American War. The official handover of power took place here on 30 April 1975 and the palace became a monument to that historic date.

## Cu Chi Tunnel

Explore the vast network of underground tunnels from the 1940s that were expanded to 121km by guerrilla Viet Cong forces during the American War. The tunnels have now been widened to cater to larger frames.

## War Remnants Museum

This museum is not for the faint-hearted as it houses harrowing displays from the American War. Established in 1975, it is home to US armoured vehicles, bombs, infantry weapons and controversial images detailing the brutality of war.

## Saigon Central Post Office

Designed by renowned French architect, Gustave Eiffel, the post office was built between 1886 and 1891. The vaulted roof and arched windows lend a classic look, reminiscent of early European railway stations.



# What to EXPLORE

## A O Show

A O Show brings on stage humorous and sophisticated stories about Vietnamese rural and urban life, through simple props, contemporary cirque and unique live music.

With more than 60 minutes A O Show, audiences are invited into a sophisticated, high level of visual and sound spectacle that linger unforgettable feeling.



## Water Puppets

Traditional Vietnamese Water Puppet Shows remain one of the cultural draws for most travellers to Ho Chi Minh City. Depicting the culture, traditions and folklore of Vietnamese life, visitors are entertained by puppets acting on a 'stage' of water accompanied by live old-fashioned music played on authentic instruments by the musicians



## Vietnam Vespa Adventures

Began in 2007 with a goal to provide the most delicious food, introduce them to the local people and teach them about the culture of each location. They offer immersive and unique experiences on a daily basis. You can slow it down to cruise the countryside or be right in the middle of the busy city, all from the back of our comfortable classic Vespa scooters.



## CLINICS

- **Centre Medical International (French and English/International)**

30 Pham Ngoc Thach, Ward 6, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone: 028 3827 2366

- **FV Saigon Clinic (French and English/International)**

57 Ho Tung Mau, Ben Nghe, District 1, HCMC

Phone: 08 6290 6167

- **Columbia Asia International Clinic - Saigon (English/International)**

8, Alexandre de Rhodes, Ben Nghe, District 1, Ben Nghe

Phone: 0084 8 3823 8888

## HOSPITALS

- **FV Hospital (French and English/International)**

6, Nguyen Luong Bang, Tan Phu Ward, D.7, HCMC

Phone: 08 5411 3333

**Emergencies: 08 54 11 35 00**

- **Raffles Medical (English/International)**

167 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Ward 7, District 3, Ho Chi Minh

Phone: 0084 8 3829 8520

## PHARMACY

In Vietnam it's possible to get more medicine without prescription than in Europe.

- **Pharmacy Dong Khoi (English)**

195, Dong Khoi, Dist.1, HCMC

Phone: 08 3829 0577

- **Guardian (English)**

Guardian is a commercial shop which sells health products, cosmetics and medicines. There are several of them in HCMC.

- **Guardian District 1**

18C Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Str., Ward. Dakao, District 1

Phone: (08) 3911 2204

- **Guardian District 3**

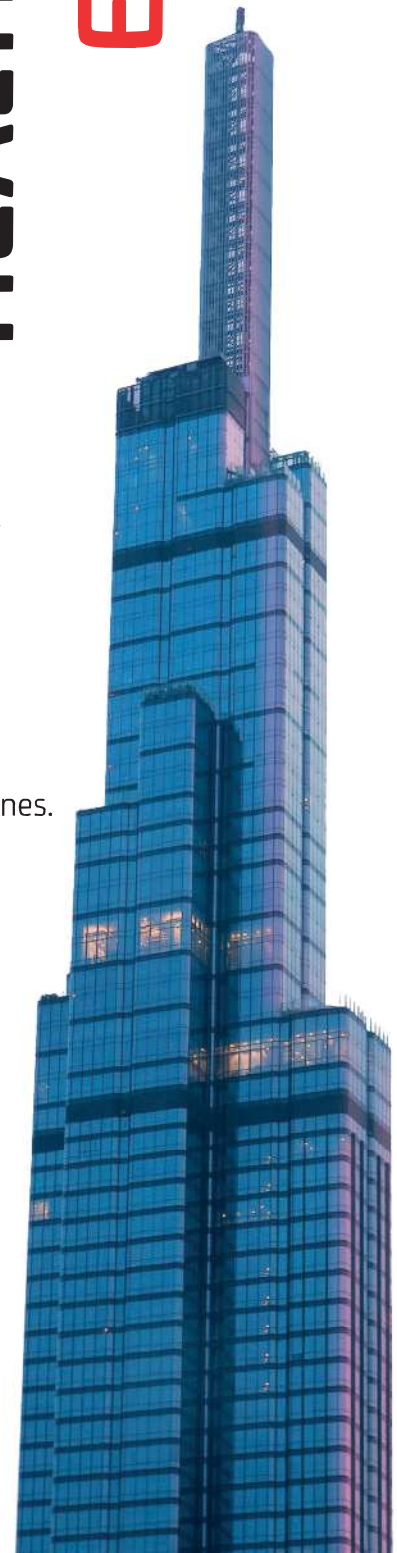
402 Cach Mang Thang 8, Ward 11, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone: (08) 3863 3991

<http://www.guardian.com.vn/en/store>

# HEALTH &

# EMERGENCY





- **CANADA**

235, Dong Khoi, Dist.1, HCMC

Tel: 38.279.899 – Fax: 38.279.935

- **FRANCE**

27, Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Dist.1, HCMC

Tel: 35.206.800 – Fax: 35.206.819

- **GERMANY**

126, Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Dist. 3, HCMC

Tel: 38.292.455 – Fax: 38.231.919

- **INDIA**

49, Tran Quoc Thao, Dist.3, HCMC

Tel: 39.303.539 – Fax: 38.294.495

- **THAILAND**

77, Tran Quoc Thao, Dist.3, HCMC

Tel: 39.327.637 – Fax: 39.326.002

- **UNITED STATES**

4, Le Duan, Dist.1, HCMC

Tel: 38.229.433 – Fax: 38.229.434



# CONSULATES



# How to GET AROUND

You may choose to take a taxi. Alternatively, the local motorbike taxi service grabbike app is also quite cheap, or a regular motorbike taxi (xe ôm), which is even cheaper. A public transport system/bus is also available in Vietnam. There is also GrabCar.

Local insight: Check the spelling of the taxi company before you get in. You could be stepping into an off- brand company

Reliable taxi brands:

1. Mai Linh: 028 3838 3838 | 2. Vinasun: 028 3827 2727
3. Vinataxi: 028 3811 1111 | 4. Grab apps

All taxi fares probably cost 200,000VND from airport – center.

## 1. TAXIS



Taxis are numerous & cheap compared to some countries. Don't assume that your driver knows how to reach your destination, as they typically grab fares from all over the city. They also speak very little English (if at all), so write down your destination or at least carry a small map or 3G smartphone with GPS capability.

## 2. CYCLOS



Cyclos are an interesting way to take in the cities. They feature a giant cushioned seat for passengers strapped to a bicycle propelled through traffic by a cyclo driver. Negotiate a price beforehand about VND 60,000 (HCMC) an hour, and make sure to have the exact change. Cycling through the city is a hard job and deserves a tip.

## 3. XE ÔM (SAY-OHM)



Traditional motorbike taxis are available nearly everywhere in Vietnam and can also be very convenient for short or moderately long distances. Agreeing on a price beforehand will help you avoid awkward arguments after arriving at your destination

## 4. WALKING



One of the best ways to check out Ho Chi Minh is on foot. A leisurely stroll through Ho Chi Minh's District 1 is a great opportunity for photographers or street - food enthusiasts.

# READ THE NEWS & GOING OUT

Read the news and going out

– **Le Courrier du Vietnam**

<http://lecourrier.vn/>

(On line newspaper in French)

– **Vietnam News**

<https://vietnamnews.vn/>

(On line newspaper in English)

– **Saigoneer**

<http://saigoneer.com/>

(News, Exhibitions, Arts, Fashion...)

Reliable travel agency

**Annam Tour**

Mr. Robert (French speaking Vietnamese tour guide  
with great knowledge. Often works with Air France  
crew)

[robert.annamtours@gmail.com](mailto:robert.annamtours@gmail.com)

0084 906 361 958

### **Librairie française Nam Phong**

French library. Many French/Vietnamese/English books and games  
88 Truong Dinh, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

### **Mây Tre Décor**

Hand-woven and painted hand bags

<https://maytredecor.vn/>

82A Nguyen Tieu La, Ward 5, District 10, Ho Chi Minh

### **The House of Saigon**

Decoration, clothes from Vietnamese designers

258 Le Thanh Ton, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

### **Marou chocolate**

For Darkchocolate lovers. Chocolate produced by French entrepreneurs

<https://marouchocolate.com/>

HCMC: 167-169, Calmette, Nguyen Thai Binh Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh

### **Yen Lam Pottery**

Handmade pottery in ceramic

9A Nguyen Huu Canh, Ward 19, Binh Thanh, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

### **Ben Thanh Market**

Many product from locally made to imported: clothes, cosmetics, souvenirs, food such as tea, coffee, cashew-nuts...

Careful to check the price in the first shops before going deeper inside the market (outrageous prices, have to bargain).

**NON EXHAUSTIVE GIFT  
OPTIONS**





## PHONE

Vietnam's network is GSM compatible and will work with most carriers. You can buy a local SIM card and minutes for around VND100,000. The most popular providers are Mobifone, Viettel and Vinaphone, and their rates are very good compared to many other countries. 3G service is easily available in the metropolitan centres and pre-paid data package rates are cheap and affordable. The international country code for Vietnam is +84. Listed below are the prefixes for Hanoi and HCMC.

- . Hanoi 024
- . Ho Chi Minh City 028

The most popular providers are:

- . Mobifone
- . Viettel
- . Vinaphone

Tip: You can pick up a SIM card at Tan Son Nhat Airport once you arrive.

## WIFI



Wifi is available everywhere in major cities in Vietnam. Most cafes, restaurants, hotels have free Wifi. Simply asking for the password to connect with your devices requires just a small purchase of coffee or tea.

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